

US MILITARY OPERATING RIGHTS AND FACILITIES OVERSEAS

Political Assessment

1. Local acceptance of and feeling of participation in US operations.

a. Degree of commitment of country to idea of collective security and identification with defense efforts of which US operations a part, and degree of acceptance of US operations for other reasons, such as economic benefit or heightened security.

b. Assessment of reaction were there to be a substantial reduction in US forces.

c. Particular attitudes concerning atomic weapons and warfare.

2. Points of friction with local population. (Including past difficulties which could reassert themselves and potential difficulties.)

a. Emotional impact. (Antipathy toward foreign military; resentment against competition for women, higher standard of living, US automobiles and traffic accidents, etc.)

b. Economic impact. (Prices, housing, wages, use of local supplies and labor, etc.)

c. Occupation of agricultural land.

d. Criminal and civil jurisdiction problems.

e. Special local issues.

3. Impact on Political Situation.

a. Instances of successful exploitation of issues by extremist groups and opposition.

b. Degree of government support for continued US operations.

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4. Issues between US and local government not arising under (2)  
(e.g., command relations, rentals, and wages paid.).

5. General estimate of future trends of local sentiment and  
government attitude toward maintenance of US operations.

6. Particular measures which have been or could be of assistance  
in allaying local resentments and governmental objections.

7. Particular measures to heighten country's sense of participa-  
tion in and identification with defense efforts of which US operations  
are a part.

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